

REMARKS**I. Rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph**

Claims 4, 10 and 17 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Specifically, each of the rejected claims, which are all dependent claims, recites the term "phosphosugar", when the claims from which they depend no longer recite that term, thereby providing no antecedent basis for the term.

Claims 4, 10 and 17 have been amended herein to replace the term "phosphosugar" with the term "mannose phosphate", which does appear in the independent claims from which the rejected claims depend. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

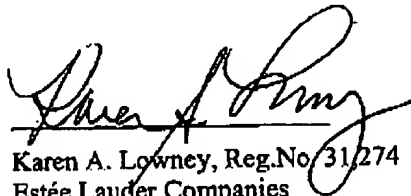
II. Non-Compliant Amendment

The previous amendment submitted on January 2004 has been objected to be cause it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, in that the text of cancelled claims appeared therein. As suggested by the Examiner, the amendments submitted in that response are resubmitted here, in proper format, along with the newly amended claims.

III. Conclusion

Claims 1, 5-7, 11-14, 18 and 19 have been allowed. Amendment of claims 4, 7 and 10 as required by the Examiner should render those claims allowable as well. With the submission of claims and amendments herein in proper form, it is believed all objections have been addressed and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that discussion will resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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